

House Resolution 1832

By: Representatives Harbin of the 118th, Fleming of the 117th, and Burmeister of the 119th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the 125th anniversary of the *Columbia County News-Times*; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the *Columbia County News-Times* began its first year of operation in January,
4 1881, as the *Columbia Advertiser*, a weekly newspaper based in Harlem and serving as the
5 legal organ of Columbia County; and

6 WHEREAS, the *Columbia Advertiser* became the *Columbia Sentinel* in 1883 and served
7 Columbia County until its owner, United States Senator Tom Watson, moved his offices to
8 McDuffie County in 1920; and

9 WHEREAS, the *Sentinel's* former owner, the Reverend J. W. Atkinson, a prominent
10 Grovetown farmer and clergyman, took over the Columbia County operation and renamed
11 the newspaper the *Columbia News*; and

12 WHEREAS, the *Columbia News* continued to serve as the legal organ of Columbia County
13 and the Cities of Harlem and Grovetown, changing ownership several times during the
14 middle part of the 20th century; and

15 WHEREAS, in the 1970s, the *Columbia News* acquired the *Martinez-Evans Times*, changing
16 the newspaper's name to the *Columbia News-Times*; and

17 WHEREAS, businessman Tim Shelnut purchased the newspaper in 1997 and changed its
18 name to the *Columbia County News-Times*; and

19 WHEREAS, the *Columbia County News-Times* was sold to Southeastern Newspapers LLC
20 in 1998 and today maintains its offices in Evans, Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2006, the *Columbia County News-Times* celebrates its 125th year of serving
2 citizens as the twice weekly community newspaper of Columbia County.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body join in commemorating the 125th anniversary of the *Columbia*
5 *County News-Times* and extend their best wishes to this venerable publication for many more
6 years of continued success.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the *Columbia County*
9 *News-Times*.